

Education Policy Fellowship Program

APPLICATION BOOKLET

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for Children and Youth*

South Carolina Education Policy Fellows Program
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EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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2015 – 2016 SC-EPFP APPLICATION

We are pleased you are considering the SC Education Policy Fellowship Program (SC-EPFP).

SC-EPFP is a 10-month professional development program for individuals whose work record reflects strong leadership abilities or potential and a concern for improving the lives of children and youth. Participants in SC-EPFP hold full-time positions in diverse organizations at the local, state, and national levels. Fellows are supported by their employing agencies through sponsorships, schedule-flow or both.

THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellows remain in their full-time positions and use their work environment as the context for examining important leadership and policy issues in their states and in the nation. SC-EPFP activities are directed by State Coordinators.

SC-EPFP brings Fellows and ideas together through a variety of on-site learning opportunities (such as seminars, informal discussions, site visits, skill development workshops, and individual or group projects), through electronic networking and information sharing, and through participation in a national conference that brings together Fellows from all program sites. The **Washington Policy Seminar** increases Fellows' knowledge of national policy issues and processes and gives them a chance to explore the impact of national policy on their work. An in-state **Leadership Forum** heightens Fellows' understanding of leadership challenges and of themselves as leaders.

Participation in SC-EPFP yields important results. The program's complementary dimensions of work/learning, state/national, and actual/virtual activities provide Fellows with a unique personal development laboratory for applying new insights and for practicing new skills. Fellows are given many opportunities to:

- (1) develop a broadened understanding of the policy process;
- (2) hone their communications and decision-making skills;
- (3) refine their potential for leadership; and
- (4) expand their network of professional colleagues.

As a result, employing agencies are rewarded with better informed and more skillful employees.

PROGRAM FEES AND SPONSORSHIP

Each South Carolina Fellow's employing agency/sponsor pays the base program fee of **\$2,350**, travel costs to the national meeting, and transportation costs for in-state meetings. In addition, the employer provides release time for on-site and national activities. The base program fee includes overnight accommodations for the **Leadership Forum**.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION PROCESS

SC-EPFP invites your application if you have:

- a commitment to personal and professional development on behalf of children and youth
- a track record for making things happen—inside and across agencies/organizations
- substantive work experiences
- a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent
- a full-time professional position
- the endorsement and financial support of your employing organization

SC-EPFP requires participation in on-site training activities which are held one day per month with the exception of the two-day **Leadership Forum**. In addition, Fellows are expected to attend the national **Washington Policy Seminar**. Please consider these extra demands on your time in light of your current professional and personal schedule. If you cannot participate fully in SC-EPFP please do not complete the application at this time, but do consider it for future years should your schedule permit. The deadline to apply is **Friday, August 14, 2015**.

SC-EPFP 2015-16 meeting dates:

September 18, 2015 – Columbia, SC
October 15-16, 2015 – Leadership Retreat
November 13, 2015 – Columbia, SC
December 11, 2015 – Columbia, SC
January 8, 2016 – Columbia, SC
February TBD, 2016 – South Carolina State House
March 25, 2016 – Columbia, SC
April 12-16, 2016 – Washington Policy Seminar (4 Days)
May 13, 2016 – Columbia, SC
June 7, 2016 – Columbia, SC

Final selection of Fellows is made by SC-EPFP Coordinators in consultation with the applicant's sponsor.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the entire application and return it to Tom F. Hudson, Executive Director, SC School Improvement Council, USC College of Education, Suite 001, Columbia, SC, 29208. **The endorsement section must be completed for your application to be considered. The base program fee must be paid prior to the first class.**

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NAME _____
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_____ nickname

PROFESSIONAL TITLE _____

DIVISION/DEPARTMENT _____

ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION _____

ADDRESS _____

OFFICE PHONE (area code + number) _____

OFFICE FAX (area code + number) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

HOME ADDRESS (street, city, state, zip) _____

HOME PHONE (area code + number) _____

Birthday (Month and Day) _____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

RACE/ETHNICITY & SEX _____

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT EPFP? _____

SC-EPFP OUTCOMES

Please provide narrative responses to each of the following questions focused on the personal and professional outcomes of SC-EPFP.

1. To enhance your capacity as a leader, what are your three learning priorities?
2. How would your participation in SC-EPFP benefit the audience you serve?

*****PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR RESUME*****

SPONSOR / EMPLOYER ENDORSEMENTS

Fellows participate in monthly meetings conducted primarily in Columbia and IEL sponsors a national meeting for fellows across all state sites. The **Washington Policy Seminar** increases Fellows' knowledge of national policy issues and processes and gives them a chance to explore the impact of national policy on their work. The **Leadership Forum** heightens Fellows' understanding of leadership challenges and of themselves as leaders. The SC-EPFP program fee and travel-related costs to the national meeting are paid by the employing agency, other Sponsor, and/or the Fellow.

EMPLOYER'S PERMISSION FOR PARTICIPATION

Your signature ensures your employee's release time for full participation in the program. Fellows are expected to attend all in-state meetings and the Washington Policy Seminar to earn their certificate. Any absences will be handled on an individual basis. If you have any questions, please contact the SC-EPFP Coordinator, Bruce Moseley at 803-896-0193 or call the EPFP national office at the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, DC, at 202-822-8405, x155.

Name of Applicant

Applicant's Signature

Name of Supervisor/Sponsor

Supervisor's/Sponsor's Signature

Supervisor's Title

Supervisor's Organization/Institution

Supervisor's Email address

Supervisor's Office address

Supervisor's Office Phone

Supervisor's Office Fax

PROGRAM FEE RESPONSIBILITY

Your signature ensures responsibility for the SC Education Policy Fellowship Program fee of **\$2,350.00**.

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Name of Agency / Organization Responsible for Program Fee	
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Print Name of Responsible Party	Signature of Responsible Party
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(Address if different from above.) SC-EPFP will invoice for this fee before the first class.	

TRAVEL COSTS RESPONSIBILITY

Your signature ensures responsibility for travel costs associated with the SC Education Policy Fellowship Program.

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Name of Agency / Organization Responsible for Travel Costs	
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Print Name of Responsible Party	Signature of Responsible Party

**EPFP is a program of
THE INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

The Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization established in 1964.

OUR VISION:

IEL envisions a society that uses its resources effectively to achieve better futures for ***all*** children and youth.

OUR BELIEFS:

- All children and youth have as a birthright the opportunity and support needed to grow, learn and become contributing members of our democratic society.
- Quality education is a responsibility shared by school systems, families, communities, businesses and governments.
- Strategic alliances and partnerships are essential to achieve measurable and sustainable results for all children and youth.
- Culturally competent leaders are vital to empowering organizations to address the needs of a diverse society.
- Leadership and leadership development are critical tools to ensure that all children and youth can take advantage of their birthright.

OUR CHALLENGE:

Our national task is obvious. We must increase student achievement and prepare young people to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The future quality of American life is at stake.

OUR MISSION:

IEL's mission is to build the capacity of individuals and organizations in education and related fields to work together - across policies, programs and sectors.

Through EPFP, IEL seeks to develop, support and sustain broad-based, multi-cultural leadership to achieve better results for children and youth.

***To obtain a list of publications or more information on IEL's programs
and other areas of work, please contact:***

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